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a retaining ring for retaining said lubricant supply device; and
a projection formed on said retaining ring and disposed so as to be received in the insertion hole.

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18. (New) The feed screw device according to claim 17, in which said nut member is provided with a recess portion, wherein said retaining ring retains said lubricant supply device within said recess portion.

19. (New) The feed screw device according to claim 17, in which said lubricant supply device has a cut part at a place in the circumferential direction.

20. (New) The feed screw device according to claim 17, in which said lubricant supply device comprises a plurality of lip parts projecting toward said screw shaft and which come in sliding contact with the outer peripheral surface of said screw shaft.

21. (New) The feed screw device according to claim 17, wherein said retaining ring is fixedly secured to said nut member, and said projection formed on said retaining ring prevents said lubricant supply device from rotating with said screw shaft.

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22. (New) The feed screw device according to claim 17, wherein a spiral projection is formed on an inner peripheral surface of said lubricant supply device, said spiral projection fitting into a thread groove of the screw shaft.--

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